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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2008, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 8, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.